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RESOLUTION ON WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION:
MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

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1. DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED REFTEL IS SURPRISINGLY
MODERATE IN TONE, GIVEN ITS SWEEPING SCOPE, AND WE WOULD
HOPE SPONSOR WOULD BE WILLING TO AMEND TEXT TO ACCOMMODATE
US ON FEW POINTS ON WHICH WE HAVE DIFFICULTY.

2. STATEMENT PARA 1: PHRASE "THE SUBORDINATION TO
NATIONAL INTERESTS OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS" IS
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BIASED SUMMARY OF ECOSOC WORK. IT SHOULD BE REPLACED

WITH "THE IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT," WHICH DRAWS ON ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION.

3. STATEMENT PARA 6: US CANNOT AGREE THAT CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES "SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION." SENTENCE ACCEPTABLE IF REFERENCE TO CHARTER DELETED. WE BELIEVE EFFORT TO REDRAFT SENTENCE IN ORDER TO KEEP CHARTER IN THIS CONTEXT (I.E., LIST OF UN DOCUMENTS ALREADY ELABORATED WHICH PROVIDE FRAMEWORK, SET SCOPE, ETC.) LIKELY TO PROVE FRUITLESS. MOREOVER, SINCE

CERDS IS DIRECTED TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG STATES, IT IS EXTRANEIOUS TO SUBSTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION. SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH WOULD STAND ON ITS OWN (WITH EDITORIAL DELETION OF "NEVERTHELESS") SO DROPPING OF ENTIRE FIRST SENTENCE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO SPONSORS. ANY ENDORSING REFERENCE TO CHARTER WOULD REQUIRE DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION. YOUR ABSTENTION SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH (1) EITHER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE REFERENCE (WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE DEFEATED) OR A SEPARATE NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE OFFENDING SENTENCE, AND (2) EXPLANATION OF OUR ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO OFFENDING REFERENCE AND REFUSAL OF PROPONENTS TO RECTIFY. SUGGEST YOU CONCERT ON THIS ISSUE WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WHO VOTED WITH US ON CERDS.

4. STATEMENT PARA 10: (A) WHILE WE CAN AGREE THAT IDENTIFICATION OF "CRITICAL AREAS" IS IMPORTANT OR EVEN "MOST IMPORTANT" TASK, WE QUESTION WHETHER INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REQUIRED ARE NECESSARILY "RADICAL" IN EVERY CASE, AND WOULD PREFER DELETION OF THAT WORD (FOR EXAMPLE, EFFECTIVE TAX COLLECTION, APPROPRIATE EXCHANGE RATE POLICY OR ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION COULD BE "CRITICAL," BUT PROBABLY DON'T MEET SPONSOR'S DEFINITION OF "RADICAL INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE"). (B) ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISER TO DELETE ILLUSTRATIVE LIST "SUCH AS NATIONAL PLANNING, LAND REFORM, PROGRESSIVE REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND WEALTH, AND POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WIDER SENSE," SINCE SUCH A LIST INEVITABLY CONTROVERSIAL AND SELECTIVE. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD PREFER REPLACING "PROGRESSIVE REDISTRIBUTION OF" (WHICH IMPLIES CUTTING UP THE SAME SIZE PIE A DIFFERENT WAY) WITH "GREATER EQUALIZATION OF" OR "REDUCTION IN DISPARITIES IN."

5. OP PARA 3: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND, IN

US VIEW, OF STRATEGY ONLY. FOR UN BODIES TO ENGAGE IN
CONSTANT REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER
RESOLUTIONS THEY OR GA HAVE ADOPTED IN THE PAST COULD
LEAD TO SLOW STRANGULATION OF THE SYSTEM. PARAGRAPH
SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ "...REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
(OR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FAILURES DURING THE SECOND
DEVELOPMENT DECADE), WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ASPECTS
OF DEVELOPMENT SET OUT IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT." KISSINGER

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